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These Long Evenings
And Dreary Days

Many will spend in doing fancy work.
You require a pair of our

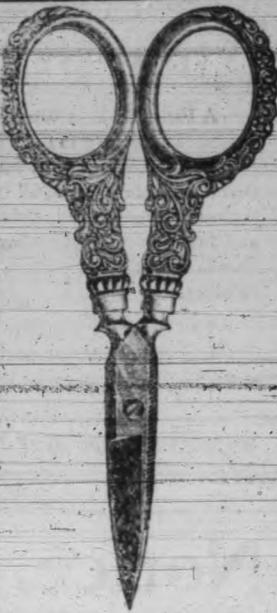
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With Sterling Silver
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STRONGLY MADE
GOOD STEEL

Perhaps it may be an Emery Ball or
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Challoner & Mitchell,
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AND
OPTICIANS
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WE WISH
TO THANK

Our many friends who have been pleased to patronize us in 1900. We will exert every effort to please our patrons during the new year. We will be ready to do all that we can to take every advantage of the fluctuations in the markets; that we work on a small margin of profit and give you the best and clearest of choices. We shall keep you posted every week on any changes there might be in the markets. Our low prices are the fruits of well bought goods and the power of money.

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We have a large stock of Hats and Caps, which we invite the trade to call and inspect, including Stetson's latest shapes in Fedoras and Cowboy Hats.

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The first week of a new century presents its compliments and all need be given to it. We also make our little bow and wait the kindness of your favors during the coming year. We offer you the same high grade which has always characterized our footwear, and hope to be able to add to your pedal comfort and appearance.

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Don't lose this opportunity. I

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Poultry Netting, Garden Tools,
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IN JAMES BAY
ONLY \$500.
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7 roomed houses, Victoria West, close
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6 roomed houses, large lot, fruit trees,
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Large lot, double frontage, North
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We offer a special bargain on
2 choice building sites, "Nob Hill," Cheap
Land, exterior, "Nob Hill," 100
Beautiful lot on South Tupper St., for \$500
5 acres in the centre of the townsite
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HERE ARE SOME GENUINE BARGAINS:
The finest home proposition offered for
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2. STORY HOUSE on Yates street, cheap, \$1,450
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4. Roomed cottage, centrally located, 1,000
Good building lot on Fernwood road, 350
2 lots on North Tupper street, cheap,
1. STORY HOUSE, 1,000
Other properties too numerous to mention:
Call and inspect our lists.

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Manager for
THE VICT. FIN. REAL EST. and INS.
BROK. CO., LTD.

LEE & FRASER,
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Cottage, N. Chatham street, with
large lot, only 650
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Six roomed house, Chatham
street, and lot 700
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James Bay, 4 minutes from P. & G.
2 story house, 8 rooms, hot and cold
water, stable and coach house, a
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Richardson street, a nice lot for 250
On Fort street, car lines, splendid
building lot 300
Cheap lots, on Oak Bay avenue 125
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Perry, all kinds, 100
100 acres, Sooke, with 5 roomed 2
story house, for 400
Two splendid business properties in heart
of the city, cheap.

Fire, Life and Accident Insurance.

9 and 11 Truance Ave., Victoria, B. C.

HOUSE FOR SALE.

Roomed Cottage on
North Chatham St.
ONLY \$400.

This lot alone cost \$375 before the cottage
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MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS

We also give TRADING STAMPS,
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STEVEN & JENKINS,
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REGISTERED
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SCOTCH
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Special.
Extra Special.
Special Liqueur.
Extra Special Liqueur.

These famous brands secured the
Grand Prize at the Paris Exhibition.

Hudson's
Bay Co'y
Agents.

Big
Reductions

In Holiday Goods until the end of
the year, at

Hastie's Fair,

77 Government St.

UNEQUALLED FOR BREAKFAST

TRADE MARK

B & K

REGISTERED

ROLLED OATS

TRADE MARK

B & K

Campbell's Prescription Store...

OUR
Christmas Goods

ARE ARRIVING

COR. FORT AND DOUGLAS STREETS.

Dewet
RetreatedFailed to Reach Bethlehem and is
Now Falling Back on
Lindley.Situation in Cape Colony Regard-
ed as Serious Precautions
Against Rising.

London, Jan. 3.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail wiring yesterday, says: "Martial law has been proclaimed in the Worcester, Ceres, Prince Albert, Graaf-Reinet and Sarahland divisions. The enlistment of volunteers is active, and the local authorities anticipate favorable developments shortly. The great trouble is the scarcity of horses."

"Seven hundred Boers have broken the cordon at Zwartberg and are advancing upon Richmond. The magistrates there report that they are burning and looting a few miles from the town."

"Lord Methuen is concentrating a force at Vryburg, whilst a thousand troops have been sent from Kimberley and others from more northern towns, to deal with a commando that is raiding around Kuruman."

"The Boers have re-occupied Jagerfontein, which, together with Faure-smith, the British evacuated on Christmas Day. The convoys of retiring inhabitants, with hundreds of wagons, extended for seven miles. It was a mournful sight. Camp was pitched at Edenberg."

"I gather that the motive for the evacuation was the difficulty of maintaining food supplies so far from the railway."

"It is understood that at the conclusion of the operations in South Africa, Lord Kitchener will become commander-in-chief in India."

General Dewet.

London, Jan. 2.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener:

"Dewet tried to move towards Bethlehem, but he was headed off by Pieter, and retreated towards Lindley or Reitz."

"One hundred and thirty Boer horses have been captured near Thabu Nchu."

"The railway has been damaged south of Serfontein."

"Williams engaged the Boers south-west of Middleburg, Cape Colony, and the British now occupy Graaf Reinet."

Marching on Frazerburg.

Carnarvon, Jan. 2.—The Boers, commanded by Hertzog, Wessels, Pretorius and Nieuwenhaut, are continuing their march on Frazerburg. It is rumored that they have arrived at Spionberg.

Communication with Frazerburg is suspended.

Col. Thorneycroft and Col. De Lisle are continuing the chase, but their horses and mules are very tired.

The Boers captured and destroyed the mails on December 30th.

Naval Gun to Be Landed.

Cape Town, Jan. 2.—The British battleship Monarch will land guns to-morrow as a precautionary measure. The situation is undoubtedly serious. It is true that the Dutch have not joined the invaders in any considerable numbers, but a lack of arms is believed to be the true reason for abstention. In many places horses are freely offered and information readily supplied to the Boers. The early proclamation of martial law in the Cape Town division is expected. This division does not include Cape Town itself.

The latest reports show the situation to be generally as follows:

Kuruman, is still uninvested, probably soon will be. Griqualand West is filled with small parties of Boers, who are working south towards Prieska, for the purpose of co-operating with or supporting Commandant Hertzog, whose advance parties are in the neighborhood of Frazerburg.

The Boers are close to Graaf Reinet, and of late the Dutch have given many demonstrations of extreme sympathy.

In the eastern part of the colony the advance guard of the Boers is close to Maraisburg, about 25 miles northeast of Cradock. The general opinion here is that the position is not properly appreciated in England. The Worcester conference excited the Dutch throughout the colony. Many old residents who are by no means alarmists regard a general uprising of the Dutch as quite likely.

The invaders have reached Glenbury, a few miles north of Graaf Reinet, in the heart of the disaffected portion of the colony.

Stratton's Horse.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—A report, dated November 27th, from Col. Steele, relating the doings of Stratton's Horse for several weeks previously, was received at the militia department to-day. It shows that this fine corps has done a good share of the work in South Africa.

QUEEN GOING TO FRANCE.

Osborne, Isle of Wight, Jan. 2.—It is officially announced that the Queen has decided to visit the south of France in March or April.

The ears of most defenseless animals like the rabbit are turned backwards, because these creatures are in constant apprehension of pursuit; hunting animals have their ears turned forward.

HEAD-
ACHE

is only one form of the suffering resulting from a diseased condition of the sensitive nervous system. The only way to cure the headache is to cure the diseases which cause it.

The use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has been the means of curing thousands of women of headache, backache, female weakness and other forms of disease peculiar to women. It establishes regularity, dries weakening drains, heals inflammation and ulceration caused by bearing down pains.

I think if it were not for your Favorite Prescription I would have been in my grave," writes Mrs. Edward H. Gardner, of Egypt, Florida. "I had pain all over my head and neck at different times, and I could not do my house work. I had to sit down to wash the dishes, even. In the year 1897 I was so bad that I had to give up my work. I thought that God would take me. One day I thought I would write to Dr. Pierce. In a few days I received an answer. I decided to try his prescription. I had to give up my work, but I had no headache, no pain at all. I used always to have headaches previous to the monthly period, which pain I had to sit down and rest in agony. This was to me a great relief. I was not able to sit up over my feet would slip from my chair, and I could not walk any distance without being in pain. I took three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Prescription and three of 'Golden Pellets' and was soon well again. I used Dr. Pierce's Pellets, and was completely cured."

Dr. Pierce's Pellets stimulate the liver.

A FORTUNATE DELAY.

Slight Tardiness in Sailing of Empress Means Much to Chinese.

On New Year's Day the new regulation of the Chinese Immigration Act, passed last July, came into effect, and henceforward those who land here from the Celestial Empire will be obliged to pay a head tax of \$100 instead of the \$50 tax hitherto imposed.

This provision will act as a strong deterrent to the Chinese, while the Natal act, which was brought into effect by the provincial government on the same date, is expected, if it prove operative, to discourage altogether the advent of the Japs.

In connection with the new regulation an interesting incident occurred with the sailing of the Empress early on New Year's morning. In order to understand the effect of the incident it should be pointed out that under the new law the period during which Celestials from British Columbia may remain away in China and be entitled to free entry upon their return, has been increased from six months to twelve months, in proportion to the increase in the tax.

The Empress had as passengers aboard her when she arrived at Victoria late in the evening of the 31st about one hundred Chinese, all bound home to participate in the New Year's festivities in their own land. Had the steamer sailed before midnight, they would have come under the operation of the old regulation, which would necessitate their return inside of six months.

But fortunately for the Chinese, and accidentally as the agents of the company assert, the Empress was about three hours late in sailing, and it was about 3 o'clock in the morning before she cast off from the outer wharf. But those three hours extra were sufficient to bring the Chinese aboard under the operation of the new regulation, so that they will be entitled to remain twelve months instead of six as would have been the case had the steamer sailed sharp on time.

TO BE REOPENED.

Repairs of Rock Bay School House Almost Completed—Marked Improvement.

The repairs to the Rock Bay school house are almost completed, workmen having been engaged in the alterations and improvements since Monday last. The amount appropriated exceeds \$500.

The repairs consist of kalsomining, plastering, painting and glazing, and the blackboards will be recanted. New desks will also be placed there, and the two rooms into which the building is divided will have a recommendation for \$8 or \$10 per pair.

The exterior alterations are also quite extensive, the foundations and roof being strengthened and improved, while the ground is being cleared of obstacles and brushwood. A new plank sidewalk will be constructed, and the outhouses will be remodelled and placed in a sanitary condition. A new wood shed is also being erected.

The pupils who will attend the Rock Bay school are those of the first and second primers who reside west of Douglas street. This is one of the districts outlined in the division published in these columns a few days ago.

The schools will be reopened on Monday next. The Rock Bay school has been closed a long time.

The manual training school will also be opened next week. The equipment has been installed in the old gymnasium, under the supervision of Mr. Dunnett, the head instructor, and cupboard's and other appurtenances have also been placed in position. The building is divided into two apartments.

A centre will be also established at North Ward.

THE NATIONAL HOME READING UNION.

An Association for Helping Those Who Would Help Themselves.

The N.H.R.U. is a purely philanthropic organization for the purpose of developing a taste for systematic reading among all classes of the community. With this end in view, courses of reading have been arranged to suit the needs of students, general readers and young people of both sexes. These courses are supplemented by a monthly magazine and book lists drawn up by some of the best read men in England. The fees, including magazine, are moderate. Special section: \$1; General, 50 cents, and Young People's, 40 cents, fees 10 cents less in all sections for members of circles. These circles, which are highly recommended, are simply reading clubs of not less than five people, one acting as leader, with whom the Canadian Secretary corresponds. In these circles books, or parts of them, may be read aloud at home and discussed at weekly or fortnightly meetings, or may be read alone at home and form part of a social evening's entertainment. Papers or discussions or the criticism and analysis from the magazine may vary the programme. Members may buy their books where they please, but, by ordering them through the secretary, they get a reduction and also help the library, they get a reduction and also help the library.

Public Library, or go to form the local Union. Societies such as the Y. M. C. A. or Y. W. C. A. can order the books.

These clubs are in every town, and in the cities, may be read aloud at home and form part of a social evening's entertainment.

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As for the Chinese with whom I was brought in merely casual contact in passing through towns and villages, the only thing to be said is that they make no attempt whatever to disguise their aversion. No country is so unpleasant to travel in as China. It was a common experience to have mud and stones thrown at one in passing through a town, and to be greeted with scoffs and sneers by an excited mob. I gather, therefore, from this that the real, the instinctive attitude of the Chinese is one of intense antipathy; and if we consider the rigid conservatism of the people we may be certain that that antipathy will last for many a century yet.

And, very natural this antipathy is, many will say, and small wonder that they seek to keep the pushing foreigner at a distance. "China for the Chinese" is a thoroughly comprehensible sentiment; and what right have we Europeans to force ourselves in where we are not wanted? E. F. Younghusband in the National Review.

and mountains, mines and farms need them. The National Home Reading Union is certainly a step in the right direction for the national mental uplifting of our people, and for the promotion of young and old, rich and poor. For forms of application for membership, subjects, and full information, apply to the Secretary, Mrs. Anson McLean, 11 McGregor street, Montreal.

COAL AND LUMBER.

Foreign Shipments of Dusty Diamonds During Last Year Reached 911,000 Tons.

The Wreck Bay Places Mines Showing Up Wonderfully Well—Results of Storm.

The year 1900 will certainly add another to the "over-million" tons output, says Monday's Nanaimo Free Press, but the output of the Union and Wellington collieries were not received in time for this issue.

The New Vancouver Coal Company's output for the year is slightly decreased from that of 1899, which was 614,800 tons, as compared with 580,000 tons for 1900. There is also a corresponding slight decrease in that company's foreign shipments. The total foreign shipments, however, are drawing near the million mark, the shipments for 1900 being the largest in the record of Nanaimo.

Output of the New Vancouver Coal Co. for 1900.

January 47,860 Tons.

February 47,128

March 52,165

April 47,851

May 60,674

June 59,927

July 44,725

August 44,917

September 37,517

October 37,523

November 51,890

December 51,402

Total 586,681

Foreign Shipments for 1900.

January N. V. C. Co. Union. Lady-smith.

February 82,250 19,188 20,034

March 88,832 17,811 18,867

April 87,121 12,483 25,327

May 90,579 13,795 22,873

June 90,985 11,996 27,516

July 39,985 21,197 36,440

August 37,571 8,497 18,082

September 41,070 18,970 31,085

October 31,997 10,913 24,237

November 42,132 20,060 20,075

December 28,069 5,759 20,470

Total 440,375 169,759 293,753

Wellington in January shipped 7,811 tons.

Foreign Shipments.

1899 1900.

New Vancouver Co. 463,109 440,375

Wellington 206,422 7,811

Union 88,174 160,759

Extension 11,386 203,753

Total 769,064 511,700

Champlain Shipments—1900.

Lumber. Tons Mean.

January 5,095

February 2,440

March 1,690

April 11,213

May 7,675

June 5,868

July 11,048

September 13,931

October 5,840

November 7,223

December 4,704

Total 78,822

Ladysmith, Mount Sicker Ore.

Tons.

Tide Tables For Victoria

A Boon to Mariners Just Issued
By Tidal Survey,
Ottawa.

Approximate Bases on the Re-
cords of the Gauge in the
Harbor.

It is gratifying to announce that tide tables specially calculated for Victoria are being issued for the year 1901 by the tidal survey in the marine department, Ottawa. These tide tables are based upon a complete year of tidal record, which was obtained by a self-registering gauge placed in the harbor of Victoria by the public works department in 1895 and 1896. To secure satisfactory results, this record is thoroughly dealt with. The height of the tide at every hour, day and night, through the year is first tabulated from it; and this tabulation is then submitted to an analysis to determine the tidal constants, in accordance with the most modern methods. This analysis is made in the Nautical Almanac office, London, and the future tides calculated from it.

The advantage of thus computing the tides from direct observation in the harbor itself is very evident. The nearest tidal station of the United States coast survey is at Port Townsend, but the type of the tide is so different there that the Victoria tides cannot be correctly deduced from that port. Accordingly, in the United States tide tables, Victoria is referred to the distant port of Galveston, on the Gulf of Mexico.

The tide tables now issued by the tidal survey should therefore give much more satisfactory results than any hitherto available. They are based at present upon only one year of tidal record, but a second year is now undergoing the same process of analysis, which will result in an improvement in the accuracy of the tide tables.

This will confer a boon upon mariners in those waters, which is very creditable to the marine department, when the tidal survey has to be carried on with such limited means. This survey which has been in charge of Mr. W. B. Dawson, C. E., since 1894, has already secured sufficient tidal information to enable tables to be issued for several harbors in the East; notably Quebec, St. John and Halifax; and the extension of the work to British Columbia this year forms a new point of departure. The tidal tables now issued furnish information also for ports in the Strait of Georgia.

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, B. C., January, 1900.
(Issued by the Tidal Survey Branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Day.	High Water.		Low Water.	
	T'm. Ht.	T'm. Ht.	T'm. Ht.	T'm. Ht.
1. Tu.	6.41	5.33	5.41	4.34
2. We.	6.03	7.17	6.04	5.76
3. Th.	4.33	8.10	4.45	9.7
4. Fr.	5.29	8.2	12.28	9.5
5. Sa.	6.10	8.2	11.07	8.1
6. Su.	6.10	8.2	11.07	8.1
7. M.	6.18	8.2	11.05	8.1
8. Tu.	6.23	8.2	11.44	8.1
9. We.	6.23	8.2	11.44	8.1
10. Th.	7.09	8.2	18.02	6.04
11. F.	0.30	3.3	17.05	5.3
12. Sa.	1.03	5.50	17.38	4.6
13. Su.	1.89	5.5	18.02	4.6
14. M.	1.89	5.5	18.27	3.0
15. Tu.	1.89	5.5	18.27	3.0
16. We.	1.89	5.5	18.49	2.1
17. Th.	1.89	5.5	18.49	2.1
18. F.	19.54	1.5	11.10	9.2
19. Sa.	6.41	8.0	11.50	9.2
20. Su.	5.50	8.0	12.56	9.6
21. M.	5.50	8.0	12.56	9.6
22. Tu.	5.50	8.0	12.56	9.6
23. We.	5.50	8.0	12.56	9.6
24. Th.	6.12	8.5	17.39	7.2
25. F.	6.41	8.7	19.60	6.5
26. Sa.	6.41	8.7	19.60	6.5
27. Su.	1.26	5.3	15.12	3.4
28. M.	2.18	6.3	16.41	2.5
29. Tu.	2.18	6.3	16.41	2.5
30. We.	2.18	6.3	16.41	2.5
31. Th.	3.49	7.1	10.55	9.3

his son's gallant conduct and heroic death."

WEEK OF PRAYER.

Services in the Churches of the City Religions Monday.

The programme for the week of prayer beginning Monday, January 7th, will be as follows:

January 7th, Reformed Episcopal: Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. D. Eraser, Victoria-West Methodist: Rev. J. H. Vieheit, Rev. Dr. Reid, Subject, "Confession and Thanksgiving."

January 8th, Congregational: Rev. J. G. Hastings, Rev. Eliot S. Rose, Knox Presbyterian: Rev. F. Hughes, Rev. J. P. Hicks, Subject, "Church Universal."

January 9th, First Presbyterian: Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. J. G. Hastings, St. Columba Presbyterian: Rev. E. S. Rose, Rev. D. MacRae, Subject, "Nature and Their Rules."

January 10th, Metropolitan Methodist: Rev. J. Reid, Rev. J. F. Vieheit, St. Paul's Presbyterian: Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. R. Hughes, Emmanuel, Baptist: Rev. J. D. P. Knox, Rev. W. L. Clay, Subject, "Families and Schools."

January 11th, James Bay Methodist: Rev. W. L. Clay, Rev. J. D. P. Knox, Calvary Baptist: Rev. D. MacRae, Rev. Dr. Wilson, Subject, "Home and Foreign Missions."

STAGE FIGHT.

Realistic Duel Which Occurs in the "Duke's Jester."

The duel scene in "The Duke's Jester," which is to be presented here by Frederick Wards and the Bruns company, including Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Spencer, at the Victoria theatre to-night, is held to be the most thrilling and realistic stage fight ever depicted. There are four swords in play, each in the hands of a master of the craft. The encounter is brought about in the following manner. Cecco, the fool, and the Duke of Milan while masquerading in each other's attire, are followed to the hiding place of Nina di Borgio by two courtesies and their accessory, bent upon their approach the Duke insists upon turning down the lights, and giving them fair and plenty play. Almost immediately after their entrance the combat begins. Rapiers are used. Count Malatesto, mistaking the Duke for the fool, on account of his dress in the dim light, attacks him, while his friends cross swords with Cecco. An encounter on every basis progresses smoothly enough for Malatesto until the Duke, forced a little by Malatesto, slips in taking a backward step, and falls to the door, at the mercy of his antagonist.

Cecco fighting more to the left sees his master's peril, and springs to his aid, to parry Malatesto's thrust. He is then, while standing over the body of the Duke, attacked by both men. With much skill and acuity he succeeds in getting both points on his own sword and alone battles for his own and master's life. The combat has now assumed a grave attitude, and is here most exciting. It is believed that few swordsmen are capable of handling the rapid thrusts of two men, in such a fight as has been conceived here. Blows and thrusts are parried with equal precision.

Each moment augments the rapidity of the movements and fierceness of the encounter. Cecco succeeds in wounding his original opponent slightly, but allows him to pay full attention to his great enemy, Malatesto, whom he kills.

The question of school supplies next comes up, and a resolution was moved by Trustee Belyea to know if the board limit the use of these to chalk-pencils and ink.

Chairman Hall thought another economical step might be taken in the removal of the telephones from the schools.

The board shortly afterwards adjourned.

NEW TEACHERS APPOINTED.

Three Placed on Staff of City Schools at Meeting of Trustees Last Evening.

The principal business transacted at the special meeting of the school board last evening was the appointment of three teachers to the city staff. Ballots for the three positions allotted in Mrs. Whistler, Miss M. A. Greenfield and Mrs. Tingley being selected. All three hold a first B certificate. Other applicants were Miss Baldwin, Miss Johnson and Miss Dahlby. Mrs. Tingley received the temporary appointment at a salary of \$600 per year.

An application from G. T. Allan for the janitorship of the Rock Bay school was accepted, and the salary was placed at \$12.50.

Two applications for the position of Mr. Blair were received and laid on the table.

Considerable discussion took place over the admittance of pupils living outside the city, which was finally settled by a resolution moved by Trustee McCandless to the effect that the application from the parents be granted and the pupils allowed to attend school until the end of the term. Thereafter whether he was a member of the board or not he would be opposed to extending privileges. He was not aware that there had been so many of these pupils.

Mrs. William Grant seconded the motion which eventually passed. In this connection another resolution was passed, that a \$250 fine be imposed on each of those three who voted against the resolution.

Trustee Belyea wanted to know if it was customary for the city council to appoint a returning officer. He did not think it was, and he moved that W. W. Northcott be named the returning officer. He did not believe the council had the power to name more than a polling place. Trustee McCandless seconded the proposal and the motion passed.

Trustee Belyea reported that the work of paving the South Park school basement would commence to-morrow morning under the supervision of John Bell. The work will be done by day-labor, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$250.

Supt. Eaton said that he thought there were too many exercise books being used, and that their use should be restricted. Trustee Belyea was of opinion that the primary divisions had no call for the use of the exercise books, and in a resolution passed authority was given to the superintendent to deal with the matter. He had a rider attached condemning the present indiscriminate use of the exercise books.

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BUSY YEAR FOR POLICE.

The Statistics Show Number of Offenders—Drunks Head List.

The police department has had a very busy year, as the record just compiled will indicate. During that time there have been 1,075 persons before the magistrate and in the lockup. Of these 888 were entered on the charge book, the remainder being witnesses and unfortunate cases of unsound mind. Of those charged 710 were whites, 120 Indians and 52 Chinese. In the past year fifteen persons were sent to the insane asylum. The charges in detail were as follows:

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SIR HIBBERT BREAKS OUT.

Sir Hibbert Tupper is wrath and has written to his constituents in Pictou to acquaint them with the fact and to lay before them the reasons for the rising of his ire. He says the Conservative party, was defeated by reason of the raising of the race cry, and although on political matters the member for Pictou is generally wrong, we do not know but in this instance he is right. His reversal father told the people of Quebec that he was pining to obtain and to retain their confidence, that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was too British for him, and many other things which should have won the hearts of the French-Canadians if they were the sort of people he suspected they were. But they weren't. They were pleased with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and proud of the position he had attained to among British public men by reason of his commanding abilities, and in spite of the allegations of his being too British and too Imperialistic they testified by their votes to their confidence in him and his policy of uniting and consolidating the Empire. It is no doubt exasperating to think that the wiles of the father and the energy of the Montreal Star and the logical appeals of Pamphlet No. 6 and many other publications of equal merit, such as the Colonist was too conscientious to publish, were wasted. We can make proper allowance for an outbreak of querulousness under such circumstances.

Sir Hibbert has not yet learned his lesson, however. Some of the more sagacious men of the party perceive that it has been led into the byways instead of taken along the straight and narrow way by which power is to be attained. But with the member for Pictou there is to be no turning back. He proposes to organize English Canada against French Canada and to show the people that the country must be governed by the most numerous race. The impetuous knight refuses to look the facts in the face. He affects to believe that Quebec has played all the mischief with him and his party, whereas they were rejected in unmistakable fashion by every province in the Dominion with the exception of Ontario, and there, although they may have about sixteen of majority in the House, they have less than a majority of four thousand of the total vote, and that was all received in the city of Toronto, and was gained because it was the place which was most susceptible to the appeals to race and religion which were made there as well as in Quebec. Was it appeals to French-Canadians which defeated George-Étienne Cartier and the C. P. R. combined in St. John, the senior Tupper in Cape Breton, Dr. Montagu in Halifax, and Hugh John Macdonald in Brandon, and left the Conservative party leaderless? Under the circumstances we can make proper allowance for the frenzy of Sir Hibbert, who seems to have arrogated to himself the leadership which it was by common consent decided to leave in abeyance.

"TURNING OUT" OFFICERS.

Some rather hard things have been said of British army officers within the past year or so. The press of the United States has been particularly outspoken, as was perhaps to be expected, in its condemnation. It may be true that the British system is not an ideal one. Under any circumstances young men will work their way into posts which they are not in any way fitted for in time of war, but their lack of such qualifications, except isolated cases, is not likely to be discovered while peace broods over the land. Nevertheless in South Africa the British officers appear to have done their duty fairly well. We have never heard that any of them were afraid to lead their men wherever they were commanded to go. Not one was tried by court-martial for cowardice in face of the enemy. Can the same be said of all the officers who faced the Spaniards, soldiers who were neither such good marksmen nor such stubborn fighters as to inspire terror in the hearts of men trained in the art of war? Some of the British officers may be stupid and fond of parading their stalwart forms and their gaudy uniforms on parade, but in the South African war they have gloriously (some would say foolishly) upheld the traditions of the army, as the casualty lists from the field have proved.

There is no evidence that the American system of selecting officers for the army is any improvement over the British. They buy with the "pull" and his way to West Point and into the army if he survives the tests to which he is subjected there by his fellow-students to prove his fitness for the position which he covets. They do not all do that. A young man, a Jew, succeeded

it is claimed by his parents, under the abuse to which he was subjected, and their request for an inquiry has been granted. It has already been established by the evidence of the students themselves that gross barbarities were perpetrated upon the juniors for the purpose of impressing them with the dignity of the position attained by the seniors.

Boys were tortured in various ingenious ways suggestive of the days of the rack and the thumbscrew until they fainted, all for the purpose of reducing them to a proper state of mind and making them amenable to discipline. One of the young fellows was full of spirit and refused to submit until he was laid out by one of the senior bullies with a broken jaw. In the case of young Boos, the demands of whose parents brought out these facts, it was suspected that he was not a lad of proper spirit at all and extraordinary measures were resorted to test his mettle. After he had been stretched on the rack, the thickness of his enticle proved by an application of hot candle grease, and such other gentle caresses as suggested themselves, young Boos was compelled to stand up in the ring before a youth much more muscular than himself. He came out with a black eye, some ruptured organs and a reputation for cowardice. He died. 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We have not been able to dispose of our stock as quickly as we expected. We will transfer the balance of stock to

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 3—5 a.m.—The extensive storm area which has been moving off our Coast for several days is moving southeastward in advance of a pronounced cold-wave now center over Canada. This movement has already caused a foot of snow at Nanaimo and high northerly winds and snow squalls prevail over the Straits of Georgia and Lower Mainland. Heavy rain has fallen on the American Coast, extending to the San Joaquin valley. The temperature ranges from 22 below zero in Cariboo to 30 below in Manitoba. Snow signals are displayed at Victoria and Vancouver.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 6 p.m. Friday.

Victoria and vicinity—Strong winds or gales, chiefly from the northward, cloudy and decidedly cold, with occasional snowfalls, probably clearing and continued cold on Friday.

Lower Mainland—High winds or gales from N. E. and N., decidedly cold, with some snow, probably clearing and cold on Friday.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.54; temperature, 39; minimum, 38; wind, 15 miles E.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.54; temperature, 30; minimum, 30; wind, 20 miles N. E.; snow, .02; weather, cloudy.

Nanaimo—One foot of snow.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 6; minimum, 6; wind, 8 miles S. W.; snow, .02; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 16; minimum, 18; wind, wind; calm; weather, fair.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.06; temperature, 50; minimum, 48; wind, 20 miles S. E.; rain, .02; weather, cloudy.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Scissors, table and pocket cutlery, razors, etc. Shore's Hardware, to-night.

Italian Fencing, Philharmonic Hall to-night.

The White House January Sale commences to-morrow (Friday) morning.

Job lot of cross-cut saws to be sold at less than half price. Shore's Hardware.

You will find it in the B. C. Guide; 5c per copy, 50c per year, in all book stores in B. C.

The honorary treasurer of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital acknowledges with thanks the donation of \$25 from Henderson Bros., and a legacy of \$250 from the late Joseph Wilson.

Fresh Oysters daily from our own beds at Sooke. Price, per sack, \$4.25; per gallon, \$3.00; per quart, 75c. New England Hotel.

Madame Dolorès, who has hitherto been known as Madame Lubelle, is to give a recital in the Victoria theatre on Thursday evening. She will be assisted by Robt. Clarence Newell, concert pianist. Sale of seats opens on Saturday morning.

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Now is your time to make a good New Year's resolution and you will save money. Bring your prescriptions to us. Qualified dispensers always in charge.

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May you be free from them. To keep free from them a good remedy is to get your supplies from

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Quality of Goods—The Highest possible. Price—Lowest possible.

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Glove Contest, Philharmonic Hall to-night.

The totals of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending December 31st were \$479,605. balances \$118,230.

Owing to the Garrison ball, cars will leave Head street for Esquimalt at 3:30 a.m. on Saturday morning and the Savoy gambling case will be heard Monday next.

Ratepayers are reminded that voter's lists may be secured at the city clerk's office, city hall; the mayor's list at ten cents each and the wards at five cents. Nominations will take place on Monday week.

The People's Trading Stamp Company, which is closing down, announces that those having 750 rel stamps may have them redeemed before January 8th, and those with a less number between the 8th and 15th.

Grand military assault-at-arms, Philharmonic hall, to-night, under the management of A. C. Beech. Admission 50c.; reserved seats (a limited number) 75c. Men in uniform 25c. Tickets at Lombard's music store.

In connection with Monday's police-court proceedings it might be stated that the charge against the Saanich Indian was possession of young salmon less than three pounds in weight. A fine of \$3.50 was imposed, as before mentioned.

The death occurred, at the St. Joseph's hospital on Tuesday (New Year's day) of Mrs. Mary Carson. Deceased was 38 years of age and was born in California. She leaves a husband. The funeral has not as yet been arranged for.

Assault-at-Arms, Philharmonic Hall to-night.

Clayton J. Costin, formerly representative of the Associated Press and London dailies in Manila and Hong Kong, who has been in the city for some time, leaves on the 6th for South Africa, where he assumes the sub editor of the Argonaut.

To-morrow in the Admiralty court, before Mr. Justice Martin, the plaintiff's witnesses will be examined in the case of Smita vs. the Empress of Japan. This is the action taken by the owners of the Abbey Palmer against the steamship mentioned owing to the accident which occurred that fall.

Mrs. Richard Beauchamp, wife of Mr. Richard Beauchamp, of Victoria, died at San Francisco at 10 p.m. Wednesday morning, the 2d inst. She was a pioneer of Victoria, '63 years of age, and a native of London, Eng. She leaves one son and five daughters, two of whom live in this city, to mourn her loss.

One of the prettiest calendars of the season has just been issued by the Japan Mail Steamship Company, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, of which Chas. Wurtzel is the local agent. The calendar was gotten out in Japan, and is a master work of art, being ornamented in that style of coloring peculiar only to the Japanese.

Postmaster Shakespeare has been advised that with the first of January penny postage came into operation between New Zealand and all parts of the Empire. A reciprocal rate is granted by Canada. A penny post went into effect for the Transvaal and the Orange Free State on the first of December, and a similar one from Canada to those states.

The police returns for December show the following entries: Assult 3, animals 2; cutting and wounding 1; infraction of city by-laws 6; drinks 48; infraction of fisheries act 1; frequenters of bawdy house 2; fighting 2; inmate of bawdy house 16; indecent exposure 1; keeper of bawdy house 2; infraction of liquor regulations act 2; malicious injury to property 1; possession of burglar's tools 3; possession of stolen property 15; possession of intoxicants 1; Indians 3; smugly intoxicants to Indians 1; stealing 7; vagrancy 16.

See Bont with Quarter Staves, Philharmonic Hall to-night.

The funeral of the late John M. Muir and Andrew Muir took place on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. J. Robertson, of Grand Forks, conducted the religious services. A large number of friends were present and many beautiful floral pieces were presented. The following acted as pallbearers at the late John Muir's funeral: Joseph Poirier, Percy Clark, James Poirier, D. Fraser, W. Charters and Ed. Clark. At the funeral of Andrew Muir the following assisted as pallbearers: Curtis Muir, Wm. Muir, Henry Helgesen, A. Helgesen, Adolphus Poirier and Wm. Burnett.

The residence of Mrs. Thomas Johnson, 289 Johnson street, was last evening the scene of a very happy event when Rev. W. Leslie Clay united in the bonds of matrimony Miss Besie Marion Johnson, eldest daughter of Thos. formerly of this city, but now of the West Coast. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives, the apartment being tastefully decorated. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Lulu Johnson, and John Chesterman, of Clayquot, supported the bridegroom. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony a dainty repast was partaken of and a very pleasant time was enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Lee were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents, which afforded a fitting commentary on their popularity among a large circle of friends. They left last night on the Queen City for the West Coast, where Mr. Lee is interested in placer mining to a considerable extent. They were escorted to the boat by a number of merry friends, who bombarded the happy couple and steamer with rice and good wishes.

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Our friend, "An Old Customer," alias "Mrs. Williams," may be assured that some time ago we signified our intention of discontinuing

TRADING STAMPS

AT THE END OF THIS CENTURY.

In future we intend giving better value than ever from our large and well-assorted stock.

GOODS ALWAYS FRESH. VALUE THE BEST.

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WHIL IT BE TESTED.

Transportation Companies Show no Disposition to Fight the Natal Act.

It is not likely that any action will be taken by the transportation companies to test the validity of the Natal act, which came into force in this province on New Year's Day. The measure will affect the C. P. R. very little, as the white liners of that company carry Chinese almost exclusively. The Jap-carrying trade has been done largely by the vessels of Dodwell & Co. and the Great Northern.

There lines that there was such an influx of the Japanese last year.

The Century dancing club will hold their semi-monthly dance in the A. O. U. hall this evening. Music will be supplied by the Sault-Bailey orchestra.

The case of Edward Sweeny, charged with the theft of a watch from Chas. Phillips, a resident of Esquimalt, is being heard in the provincial police court this afternoon.

In the County court this morning, before Mr. Justice Drake, the plaintiff claimed \$25 damages on account of a horse chased from the defendant, which he claimed was afterwards found to be damaged. J. P. Walls appeared for plaintiff, the defendant being unrepresented by counsel. The case of Milne vs. Hind, being for a balance of account for goods supplied, was held over until June 6th.

On October 19, 1900, in the case of Tunks vs. Pettingall, plaintiff recovered judgment for services rendered defendant for preparing plans and specifications for a house on Church Hill. On return of judgment summons to-day, after being examined by Mr. Frank Higgins, Mr. Justice Drake made an order for defendant to pay half the amount of judgment and costs in full in 60 days, otherwise committed to jail for ten days. The plaintiff is to be paid in thirty days.

The total revenue collected through the medium of the police court during the past year was \$5,285, against \$2,752 for last year. This is in itself a great showing, and indicates that as a revenue producer the police court takes a foremost place. These figures are also demonstrative of the vigilance and energy displayed by the members of the police department who, besides guarding the peace, are directly responsible for the splendid showing. In the list of those who had been brought to the lockup during the year, published in another column, 45 unfortunates suffering from unusual mind were omitted. This makes the total number 1,000.

A party of prominent people were in the city a few days ago—most of the number being connected directly or indirectly with the Great Northern Railway, and one of the principal owners of the Seattle Gas Company; Francis McLean, son of Hugh McLean, well known in shipping circles in Montreal; Mayor Brackett, of Minneapolis; W. H. Duwood, a prominent miller of Minneapolis; C. M. S. Anderson, another milling man of that city; T. A. Smith and Prof. F. W. Tassing, of Harvard University. The latter is lecturer on political economy in the college mentioned, and his trip westward was to furnish him with materials for a series on railroads and banking, which he is to deliver this summer.

The city had a new coat to-day, the weather being evidently cool to the conclusion that Vancouver was having it too much her own way in the snow business. The Terminal City is credited with being a go-ahead municipality, but it has no monopoly on the snow market. So far, however, the fallers are not of sufficient extent to cover the streets, and judging by the remarks passed on the corner, no hearts will be broken if Vancouver gets all the snow.

According to the weather forecast for to-morrow, coming Friday afternoon, there will be strong winds and gales, chiefly from the northwest, cloudy, decidedly cold, with occasional squalls, probably clearing and continued cold on Friday.

This may be taken as a gentle but kindly hint to the householders to cover the to "look out for the water pipes."

In the police court this morning Tommy Hallam, a Saanich Indian, was fined \$5 and \$1 cost or ten days for drunkenness. Dan Lewis did not appear on a similar charge, and his \$10 bail was estreated. The charge against Wm. Williams of the theft of a coat and watch from Mr. Raestad was dismissed, but that of the theft of an overcoat from Henry Eikhoff, of the Horseshoe saloon, was proceeded with. The accused asked for a remand in order that he might procure two witnesses. It was later learned, however, that the pair had left the city, suddenly. Several witnesses were examined and the case was remanded until to-morrow. The case of Thos. Notes, charged with robbing Wm. Thiemson, of the Germania saloon, of \$30, was remanded until this afternoon, and was being proceeded with. A counter charge has been laid against Thiemson by Netos, who claims that the former robbed him of \$80. The latter is represented by Frank Higgins. Ambrose D. Moore did not appear for vagrancy, and a warrant will be issued. The case of Mrs. Noel Leclair, charged with an infraction of the public morals by law, goes over until to-morrow.

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Take two spoonsfuls of Brown Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

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WHITE SKIRTS. NIGHT DRESSES.



Perfect fitting White Cambrie Corset Covers, double stitched seams, high neck, neatly trimmed with frill, Regular 40c. Sale price 25c

White Cambrie Corset Covers, square neck, wide embroidery, trimmed front and neck, Regular 50c. Sale price 35c

Fine Muslin Corset Covers, square neck, wide embroidery, trimmed front and neck, Regular 50c. Sale price 35c

White Muslin Night Dresses, full width, 38 and 40 inches long, trimmed with frill, Regular 50c. each, Sale price 35c

Empire Style Ladies' Night Dresses, profusely trimmed, embroidery frill, Regular 50c. Sale price 35c

White Cambrie Night Dresses, profusely trimmed, embroidery frill, Regular 50c. Sale price 35c

950 MEN'S WHITE NIGHT SHIRTS.

Made from heavy plain white cotton goods, full cut turn down collar, all sizes, filled seams, reinforced yoke, pearl buttons. Regular price, 75c, sale price, 47½c. each.

1,500 Yards White Linen Damask.

Superb Table Linens.

50-inch Bleached Table Damask, Regular 35c. Sale price 25c

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68-inch Bleached Table Damask, Regular \$1. Sale price 70c</p

No Rest For Wicked

The Uttermost Parts of the Sea
and Land Afford No
Refuge.

Where to Hide Is Now a Knotty
Problem With Run-
aways.

Such a fierce light is now shed by the telegraph and press on the movements of persons who, for reasons of their own, are desirous of avoiding the long arm of the law that the evil-doer of to-day must be of the opinion that he might as well live in a glass house. "Where am I to go?" says the criminal. "It is a knotty problem, for even the detectives whom the writer had consulted are not unanimous on the subject.

Said one: "I don't think that Argentina will be much run over for some time to come. It has been so large in the public gaze that runaways, naturally thinking the new-comers will be regarded with suspicion, will shun that State. The Continent? If you can pass as a foreigner, not unless. There are, of course, thousands of Englishmen abroad, but when any one is wanted only two classes escape suspicion—the dashing young fellow fresh from college, bluff, hearty, with a friend or two, plenty of letters from England, and an entire absence of secrecy, and the married Englishman with his family."

"Now, the fugitive from justice is nearly always alone, and, however much he may swagger, spend his money, or live irreproachably, he has no letters and is generally pale in the morning. Why? Bad night's rest? Then, again, the inventive faculties of criminals generally fail from the moment they run away. There are exceptions, of course."

"I remember once, chasing a forger half over Europe, and ultimately tracing him to Bordeaux. I anticipated an easy capture, as the French police had all the stations and roads watched to prevent escape. All the private lodgings were scoured and the hotels searched. No use. How was I to know that the Indian gentleman who was so automatically followed by his Indian attendant was my man, especially as not only his clothes and get-up were those of a Parsee, but his jewellery and effects were Indian, too? One morning a chambermaid in the pay of the police told me that the toilet cover in the Indian's bedroom was missing and had been replaced by a new one. That set me thinking. So on the first opportunity I searched his luggage and the secret was revealed. The reason for hiding the toilet cover was at one apparent—a brown stain in the color of the walnut juice. It flashed upon me in an instant that he had upset the bottle while dying his skin. He subsequently told me that he had made all his arrangements even to securing the servant, long before he left England."

The Temptations of Criminals.

It is the opinion of a well known retired detective whose services are still greatly in request when the Continent has to be visited, that the work would be rendered much more difficult if law-breakers thought out their plans for bailing before-hand. "I returned a bank cashier," he says, "who before he bailed obtained a large quantity of French money and recovered from his friends all his portraits, including also the negatives. He had also worn a toupee so long that every one had forgotten that the top of his head was quite bald. Still, I managed somehow to trace him to Boulogne, where the English colony is large enough to make it difficult to identify any one without a photo. The bald-headed ones I naturally left alone, and as I was sure he was not among the others I was on the point of returning to England when I received a letter saying that my man was passionately fond of the opera of 'Carmen.' That evening, attired in a spare uniform belonging to one of the legal bands, I persuaded the leader to allow me to stand in the ranks and pretend to play a clarinet. It was getting late when 'Carmen' was played for the last time. The hotels had made no sign, and as a last resource we had stopped outside one of the boarding houses. There wasn't a soul about when a bald-headed gentleman crossed the road and gave the conductor a couple of francs to repeat the selection. Next day we journeyed together to London."

An Italian gentleman with whom the present writer is acquainted, said: "The fidelity observed by the numerous secret societies of Italy is due to a belief that there is no hiding place in the world where traitors are safe from vengeance, not even London, toward which they all gravitate as affording them the safest asylum. Two years ago the body of an Italian was found in the Thames, stabbed to the heart. We were acquainted, and I was the only person to whom on his arrival he confided the secret of his hiding place. He had betrayed the society of which he was a member to the government. His pursuers, who knew that he had fled to London, made no effort on their arrival to hunt him down, contenting themselves with instructing the keepers of the English restaurants to keep a watch about four months later, on any Italian who might dine there. They calculated that by then the temptation to meet a countryman and renew his acquaintance with the dishes of the old country would prove irresistible. Three mouths elapsed, and the poor wretch, weary of hiding, stole from his retreat and after pining a dreary evening at one of the cheap Italian restaurants, adjourned with some companions to the lodgings of a companion to play dominoes. That night he met his fate."

And America and the Transvaal. Considering the vast size of America, one would think that a fugitive landing in that country would disappear in an impenetrable mist. Scotland Yard, however, will tell you that American detectives have a most extraordinary knack of finding any criminal they choose. En-

Men, Be Strong

BE A MAN AMONG MEN!
BE STRONG AND VIGOROUS!
FREE YOURSELF FROM THE
CHAINS THAT HOLD YOU DOWN!



SEE THIS CURE.

Lardo City, B. C., Dec. 12, 1900.

Dr. M. E. McLaughlin. Some time ago a man commenced wearing the belt about two months ago. His kidneys were so sore when he worked that he was in constant misery. He felt a decided pain after wearing the belt for ten days. Since that time he has worn it every night but two. He has continued to work at the hardest kind of work, and has not been troubled to amount to anything since. You can publish this letter if you wish.

Yours respectfully,

C. I. PUTNAM.

DR. M. E. McLAUGHLIN, 106 1-2 Columbia St. SEATTLE, Wash.

listment, as a rule, is useless for any but young criminals. City defaulters are seldom found in the ranks for a man, generally thirty years of age before he obtains a position which will enable him to rise in his employer, excepting, of course, the foolish young fellow who bolts with the money he is intrusted to pay into a bank.

Of late years quite the most popular in the few hiding places left was the Transvaal. It does not follow because the Boer farmers have made it a practice for years past, and notably since the abortive Jameson raid, to extend a hearty welcome to all persons wanted by the British authorities, that they have a natural liking for criminals. Their like of us is so great as to cause them to entertain, at that time, even the youngest (was twenty-two) had yet mastered the alphabet, said that the nearest Englishman lived twenty miles away. "We used to be rather chummy," he went on 'till one day, growing "communicative over a bottle of square-face," he told me his story. "We have never spoken since. I'm not squeamish, but I draw the line at murder."

"Before I returned to Pretoria I heard a story relative to this villain, which, if true, should not be forgotten: when the Queen's writ runs in the late republic, an Englishman, married to the daughter of a Boer farmer, became so disgusted with his daily life that he actually gave this man £200, the sum he had saved while teaching his employer, who aspired to enter the Volksraad, reading and writing, to kill him. The widow, it is said, evinced little grief when her husband was brought home with a bullet through his brain, as she had grown quite weary of being incessantly upbraided for her incurable dislike for soup and water."

A gentleman, recently arrived from Johannesburg, and who knows the Transvaal well, says that some of the outcasts of society led a very enjoyable life till the rinderpest killed off the game. A hunter who was once a well known figure in society told him that one might as well, for a few shillings, look for game in Regent's Park as in the Transvaal.

He may have a liking for game, but only when cooked. Till recently one of the most enterprising of the hunters who supply the English market with skins of wild animals was a bank forger, who, after evading the detectives by passing himself off as an Indian servant of an old friend who was returning to India, landed at Ceylon, and actually worked his way from the central African through the land of the Matabele, and thence into the northern districts of the Transvaal, where at that time were full of big game. Increasing years and a city of lions induced him at last to exchange hunting for matrimony, and he is now, we understand, doing his best to drink himself to death before the British occupy the country.

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During the past few years some of the Pretoria officials have made quite a good living out of the "wanted" English by the same old exploitation—money squared.

Life in the Transvaal seems to have developed qualities which at home the criminal kept studiously in the background. A notorious swell-mobman, nearly, if not quite, the most expert hotel thief in the world, and his partner, a rascally Frenchman, owned a store in the Transvaal. Their plan of campaign was to sell a Boer farmer all the goods they could persuade him to take, and then ply him with drink, which, having been drugged, left the dupe at their mercy. When he recovered his senses later on the rogues were far away.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

SOBRIETY OF JEWS.

The nations who are most sober at the present day, in whom this craving for excessive alcohol is least in evidence, are those who have been drinking it longest. The inhabitants of vine-growing districts are peculiarly sober, but this has not been always so, for the records of Scripture clearly give account of scenes of drunken debauchery among the Jewish and other Eastern peoples, which, even in our own drunken country, would be held to be disgraceful. The warnings against the vice, "moreover, run through both the Old and the New Testament. At the present day, however, the Jewish nation is remarkable for a very gentlemanly fellow who had once been a lawyer. A very good fellow this, and I took quite a fancy to him. That any one, even an Englishman, should refuse to marry a lady who weighs about 230 pounds seemed so suspicious to the dopper and his son that to say his name, and to his silly fellow, who found life in England dull on £200, married the lady, and is to-day the most miserable man in South Africa, ex-President Steyn not excepted.

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SNOW DELAYS TRAINS.

Severe Storm Raging Throughout Southern Oregon and Northern California.

(Associated Press)

Ashland, Ore., Jan. 3.—The worst storm since the winter of 1889-90, the most recent Southern Oregon and Northern California, has raged during the last 24 hours. Telegraph and telephone wires have been crippled. The Southern Pacific has experienced great difficulty in keeping its track clear between Ashland and Dunsmuir.

The snow plows have been working continuously on the Siskiyou, where the snow is several feet deep on the level and four feet in the cuts and drifts, and the rotary plow has been working north from Dunsmuir. All passenger trains get through five and six hours behind schedule time, but freight trains are annulled. The worst of the storm is passed.

FAMILIES HOMELESS.

Woman Burned to Death in Fire Which Destroyed Tenement Houses.

(Associated Press)

New York, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Mary Divine, 60 years old, was burned to death, and three other persons were injured at a fire which destroyed a row of three-story frame tenement houses on Bushwick street, Jersey City, early to-day.

The damage by the fire was \$50,000, which is partially covered by insurance. Twenty-eight families were driven from bed into the bitter cold night, and made homeless.

PRICE OF STEEL RAILS.

Rumors of an Advance of Two Dollars a Ton.

(Associated Press)

New York, Jan. 3.—It is again announced that a meeting of the big steel rail manufacturers has been called for the middle of next week in this city. In the meantime it is officially stated that an advance of \$2 a ton to \$28 has already been decided upon, the advance to take effect on February 1st. Inquiry at the local headquarters of the leading concerns fails to confirm this.

CHINESE COMMISSION.

Chairman Clute Visits Ottawa, Where He Expects to Meet Mr. Munro.

(Special to the Times)

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Russia and the Czar.

The present Czar has been something of a puzzle to the world. Much was expected of him by the friends of Russian progress, because of his known inclination toward liberalism. His course has been somewhat, but not wholly, disappointing. A considerable influence has been retained by Tchoudonoff, whose views have already been referred to. The Russian National Party has grown in strength with revolution and socialism. If they exist, are to lead greater movements and are heard of no more. The good understanding with France continues, being based on the solid ground of financial self-interest. The general peace policy inaugurated by Alexander III has been emphasized by an attempt to reach a basis of universal peace through the peace congress at The Hague. The initiation of this movement by Russia has been the subject of heated controversy as to the Russian motive. It may have been due in part to the enlightened views of the Czar, but its promotion by Russia was unquestionably dictated by self-interest. It is to be noted that Russia is now at the highest point of prosperity that she has yet attained, and is putting forth strenuous efforts to extend and consolidate her vast empire. Peace is the need of the Russian Nationalists—a peace that will enable them to negotiate with China for Manchuria, and to utilize their wealth in the building of railroads and in promoting unity in other ways. They do not wish to be disturbed in the Russification of Finland and the other provinces, which is an important part of the Nationalist scheme. The Chancery.

BAGGAGE CAR BURNED.

(Associated Press)

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 3.—It is reported here that the north bound limited on the Chicago Great Western has been wrecked near Sargent, Minn. No particulars have been obtained.

Lathe.—Two engines were pulling the train. The second one jumped the track. Baggage-master Green, Conductor Healey, and the buffet car porter were seriously bruised. No passengers were hurt.

LIVED OVER A CENTURY.

(Associated Press)

New York, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Anne Jane Sleath, who was 100 years old on July 12th, died last night at the home of her daughter in Brooklyn.

DOWIE RETURNING.

(Associated Press)

London, Jan. 3.—"Rev." John Alexander Dowie has sailed for the United States on the Cunard liner Saxonian.

GERMAN CONSUL AT DAWSON.

(Associated Press)

Berlin, Jan. 3.—The appointment of Mr. Walter Wensky as German consul at Dawson City is announced.

BANK OF ENGLAND RATE.

(Associated Press)

London, Jan. 3.—The Bank of England's rate of discount was raised from 4 to 5 per cent. to-day.

DISCUSSED CHURCH WORK.

Conference Between Congregationalists and Rev. Principal George on Tuesday Evening.

On New Year's morning, Rev. Mr. George, principal of the Congregational college, Montreal, arrived in the city en route to the Orient. The reverend gentleman was on a tour of the West, his object being to visit the Congregational churches in the various places throughout the province. In the evening a conference of the members of the local Congregational congregation with Mr. George was held when the different matters in connection with the work of the church were discussed. He was much gratified to learn of the prosperity of the local church financially and numerically.

In regard to the lot purchased by the church on the corner of Cook and Pandora streets, it is interesting to note that a large proportion of the amount has been paid. The entire cost of the property was \$2,100 and with the exception of \$300 this has been paid. A very able and instructive address in church government was delivered by Rev. Mr. George, who is a very eloquent speaker. He left the next morning for the East to resume his duties at the college. The new Congregational pastor for the local church, Rev. Mr. Peacock, is expected to arrive here in the early part of February.

This gallant soldier-cleric who served with the Canadians in South Africa is very popular and will undoubtedly preside over the destinies of the local Congregationalism in an able manner.

ASPHYXIATED BY GAS.

A Patient in a Precarious Condition Removed to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Isaac Tatton was removed to St. Joseph's hospital on Monday last in a very precarious condition, as a result of asphyxiation from gas. He is being attended by Dr. Fraser, city health officer, and as he had not yet fully recovered consciousness his case is regarded as very serious.

As far as we have learned, he went to the Telegraph hotel last Sunday, and, entering a room, retired soon afterwards. Nothing more was seen of him until New Year's eve, when he was discovered in the last stage of gas asphyxiation.

Dr. Fraser, who was sent for, ordered his immediate removal to the hospital, and, despite all efforts, the patient could not be brought to sufficiently to ascertain his name.

From the hotel, however, it is learned that Tatton comes from Nanaimo, where a wife and family reside. He owns a ranch on one of the islands of the Gulf, and is a man about 55 years of age. He is said to be a man of sober habits. When the door of his room in the hotel was forced open on Monday evening, the cause of the trouble was at once apparent, it being seen that Tatton had shut off the gas sufficient to extinguish the light, but not to prevent an escape.

PERSONAL.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

WARSPIRE ELEVEN DEFEATED BY VICTORIA.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather, a large number of people attended the football match between the Victoria and Waspire team, which took place on the afternoon of New Year's day in the Caledonia grounds. The match resulted in a victory for the Victoria eleven by a score of 7 goals to none.

In the first half the Victoria team played against the wind, defending the northern goal. The Victorians had decidedly the best of the game all through, and would have undoubtedly scored more goals than they did if it had not been for the excellent play put up by the Waspire goalkeeper.

For the office of MAYOR, in the Court Room of the City Hall, aforesaid.

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